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Milk production in Minnesota during March 2014 totaled 780 million pounds, down 4 percent from March 2013, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – *Milk Production* report. The average number of milk cows during March, at 459,000 head, was 1,000 fewer last month. Production per cow averaged 1,700 pounds.

2013-2014 820 780 780 760 740 700 680 660 640 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Milk Production, Minnesota,

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States, March 2013 and 2014

State	Milk Cows 1		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	Change from 2013
	(1,000 Head)	(1,000 Head)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Million Pounds)	(Percent)
Arizona		192		2,230	423	428	1.2
California		1,781		2,140	3,676	3,811	3.7
Colorado		140		2,120	279	297	6.5
Florida		123		1,905	227	234	3.1
Idaho		568		2,025	1,131	1,150	1.7
Illinois		95		1,770	171	168	-1.8
Indiana		176		1,890	331	333	0.6
lowa		204		1,925	407	393	-3.4
Kansas		136		1,875	252	255	1.2
Michigan		381		2,090	794	796	0.3
Minnesota		459		1,700	811	780	-3.8
New Mexico		323		2,210	715	714	-0.1
New York		615		1,885	1,159	1,159	-
Ohio		266		1,720	481	458	-4.8
Oregon		125		1,800	216	225	4.2
Pennsylvania		531		1,750	926	929	0.3
South Dakota		95		1,830	171	174	1.8
Texas		445		2,010	840	894	6.4
Utah		95		1,860	171	177	3.5
Vermont		131		1,730	226	227	0.4
Virginia		93		1,690	153	157	2.6
Washington		270		2,075	541	560	3.5
Wisconsin		1,270		1,860	2,400	2,362	-1.6
23-State Total		8,514		1,959	16,501	16,681	1.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2 Excludes milk sucked by calves 3 Survey was not conducted in April and July, resulting in no milk cow and milk per cow data for March through June 2013.

United States Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 16.7 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from March 2013. February revised production at 14.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from February 2013. The February revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,959 pounds for March. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States for March was 8.51 million head, 1,000 head more than February 2014.

Milk production in the United States during the January - March quarter totaled 51.1 billion pounds, up 1.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year.

The average number of milk cows in the United States during the quarter was 9.22 million head.

Monthly Milk Production – 23 Selected States Million pounds



The complete report can be found under **Publications** on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov.